

In re. Application No.

Group Art Unit: 3711

Filed:

Examiner: W.M. Pierce

Title: A Bowler's Finger Pad Shield

Attorney Docket No. 99-1001

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Inventors: Randall A. Addington,
W. Robert Addington,
W. Robert Addington II.

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To: The Assistant Commissioner Of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER 37 CFR 102 (c)

Applicant W. Robert Addington, a joint inventor of the invention described and claimed in this application, has petitioned the Honorable Commissioner of Patents to make earlier filed application 09/ 130,905, filed 08/07/98 special under 37 CFR 102 (c) special for advancement of its examination. This application claims the benefit of the earlier application 09/ 130,905, filed 08/07/98, under 35 U.S.C. 120. Accordingly, Applicant W. Robert Addington makes this petition for advancement of examination on the same grounds as for application 09/ 130.905, filed 08/07/98. A true and correct copy of that Petition is attached hereto.

Respectfully,

Joel I. Rosenblatt 9/13/99

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Applicant W. Robert Addington, a joint inventor of the invention described and claimed in this Application, petitions the Honorable Commissioner of Patents to make this Application special for advancement of its examination, as provided under 37 CFR 102(c). The ground for this Petition is the advanced age of W. Robert Addington, who was born on September 24th 1925 and will be 74 years old on September 24th 1999.

At his advanced age, W. Robert Addington is concerned his health may fail before the Application receives an examination and he would not be capable of rendering assistance to his co-inventors or to his attorney, during the examination process.

Enclosed with this Petition are the Affirmations, with supporting documents, of Billy Bob Addington also known as W. Robert Addington, and Joel I. Rosenblatt, Attorney for the Applicants, made in support of this Petition.

Respectfully,


Joel I. Rosenblatt

Attorney For The Applicant W. Robert Addington

Patent Attorney No. 26,025

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AFFIRMATION

I, Joel I. Rosenblatt, the Attorney representing the joint inventors in this Application, do state and affirm,

1. I attended, and witnessed the execution of the Declaration to this Application, by each of the joint inventors. .

2. I prepared this Application and worked with each of the named joint inventors. All of the joint inventors are known to me. All of the joint inventors executed the said Declaration in my presence.

3. The joint inventor who executed the Declaration as W. Robert Addington, is the same person I recognize as identified by his photo in attached Florida Driver License A325-062-25-344-0 copy, by name as Billy Bob Addington and by signature as W. Robert Addington, and who affirmed to me said Driver License is his Driver License and said signature on said Driver License is his signature.

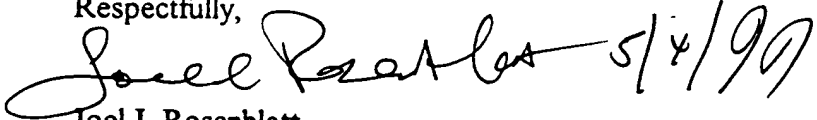
4. The joint inventor who executed the Declaration as W. Robert Addington, is the same person who affirmed to me he is the named Billy Bob Addington, in the Florida Voter Registration Card copy, attached.

5) Said Billy Bob Addington also known as W. Robert Addington, did affirm said Birth Certificate, Florida Driver License and Voter Registration Card, are his and the photo in the said Driver License is his photo, and said affirmation was made in writing and is attached to this Affirmation.

6). Based on the facts set forth in this Affirmation, the person who signed the Declaration to this Application as W. Robert Addington is the same person as the Billy Bob Addington identified in the copy of the Birth Certificate, Driver License and Voter Registration Card, attached to this Petition, and is a joint inventor in this Application. .

6) All of the foregoing statements are made upon knowledge or, as stated, are made upon information or belief. All of the foregoing statements are made under knowledge of the punishments and penalties for perjury, under the criminal Code of the United States of America.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joel Rosenblatt", followed by the date "5/4/99".

Joel I. Rosenblatt

Attorney for the Applicants

Registration No. 26,025



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STATE OF OKLAHOMA
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DELAYED CERTIFICATE OF BIRTH

Form No. 10-1
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1. FULL NAME OF CHILD Billy Rob Addington 2. DATE OF BIRTH Sept. 24 1925
3. COLOR OR RACE White 4. Sex Male 5. BIRTHPLACE Wilson Carter Okla.
6. FATHER Otis Preston Addington (Full Name) (Date of Birth) Oct. 5, 1901 (Place of Birth) Kopperl, Texas
7. MOTHER Roy Fay Tucknies (Maiden Name) (Date of Birth) March, 12, 1906 (Place of Birth) Oil City, Ind. Ter.

8. AFFIDAVIT: I hereby declare upon oath that the above statements are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

9. SIGNATURE Billy Rob Addington 10A. PRESENT ADDRESS Jarvisville, Texas
Subscribed and sworn to before me on 31 day of May 1943 Box 644
SEAL My comm. exp. June 6, 1943 Notary Public P. L. Burnett

10. AFFIDAVIT OF PARENT OR OTHER PERSON HAVING KNOWLEDGE OF THIS BIRTH: I hereby declare upon oath that I am personally acquainted with the statements in the CERTIFICATE OF BIRTH and know them to be true.

11. Signature O. P. Addington 11A. Present Address Box 644
SEAL Subscribed and sworn to before me on 31 day of May 1943
My comm. exp. June 6, 1943 Notary Public P. L. Burnett

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ABSTRACT OF SUPPORTING EVIDENCE

Name and Kind of Document, by Whom Issued and Signed	Date Original Document was Made
<u>The Lincoln Nat. Life Ins Co. Policy No. 42031</u>	<u>March, 18 1930</u>
<u>Devel. Okla. School Record, J. T. Martin</u>	<u>August, 31 1931</u>

INFORMATION CONCERNING REGISTRANT AS STATED IN DOCUMENT

Birthdate or Age	Birth Place	Name of Father	Full Name of Mother
<u>1 Sept. 24 1925</u>	<u>Wilson, Okla.</u>	<u>Otis Preston</u>	<u>Roy Fay Tucknies</u>
<u>2 Sept. 24 1925</u>		<u>Addington</u>	

I certify that I have examined the documents referred to above, that the abstract is true and correct, the documents show no changes or errors, and agree to be authentic.

Notary Public P. L. Burnett This certificate filed June 11 1943
SEAL My comm. exp. June 6, 1943 State Registrar F. G. Wargyn
Local Registrar _____
Address: _____

*Persons less than 10 years of age at time this birth occurred are not qualified to execute this affidavit.

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy, original of which is in this office.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused the official seal to be hereunto affixed, at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, this 14 day of JUNE 1943.

F. G. Wargyn
STATE REGISTRAR

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Florida DRIVER LICENSE CLASS E

The Sunshine State
LICENSE NUMBER
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AFFIRMATION

I, Billy Bob Addington, also known as W. Robert Addington, a joint inventor of the invention described and claimed in this Application, and named in the PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL, to which this Affirmation is attached, do state and affirm,

1) On information and belief, my name given to me at birth is Billy Bob Addington, as set forth in the attached Birth Certificate copy.

2) Said attached Birth Certificate copy, attached to and made a part of this Affirmation, is a true and correct copy of a certified true and correct copy of my original Birth Certificate.

3) I use the name W. Robert Addington, and my given name Billy Bob Addington, interchangeably and am known by the names Billy Bob Addington and W. Robert Addington.

4) I am the Billy Bob Addington, named in said Birth Certificate.

5) The attached Voter Registration Card No. 0700634 in the name of Billy Bob Addington, is a true and correct copy of my original Voter Registration Card and the attached copy of my Florida Driver License No. A352-062-25-344-0 in the name of Billy Bob Addington and signed W. Robert Addington, is a true and correct copy of my original Florida Driver License.

5) I am the Billy Bob Addington, who, under the name of W. Robert Addington, is a joint inventor of the subject Application and who signed the Declaration to the subject Application as the named joint inventor W. Robert Addington.

6) As stated in the Birth Certificate, and confirmed in my Driver License and Voter Registration Card, my date of birth is given as September 24th, 1925.

7) All of the foregoing statements are made upon knowledge or, as stated, are made upon information or belief. All of the foregoing statements are made under knowledge of the punishments and penalties for perjury, under the criminal Code of the United States of America.

Respectfully,

also known as
Billy Bob Addington ✓ *W. Robert Addington*
Billy Bob Addington, also known as W. Robert Addington 5/4/99

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Group Art Unit	
Examiner Name	
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☐ PETITIONS DECIDED BY PETITIONS OFFICE

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| 301 Relating to Public Use Proceedings (37 CFR 1.292) | 503 To waive/suspend rules (37 CFR 1.183) |
| 302 To make application special - prospective manufacture (37 CFR 1.102, MPEP 708.02) | 504 To invoke supervisory authority - re patent examining operations (37 CFR 1.181) |
| 303 To make special - infringement (37 CFR 1.102, MPEP 108.02) | 505 To withdraw from issue after payment of issue fee (37 CFR 1.313(b)(1-4)) |
| 304 Relating to the Filing/Issuance of Divisional Reissue (37 CFR 1.177) | 506 To withdraw from issue after payment of issue fee (37 CFR 1.313(b)) or abandon application in favor of continuing application |
| 305 To waive or suspend rules (37 CFR 1.183) | 507 To enter priority papers after Issue Fee payment (37 CFR 1.55(a)) |
| 306 To expunge a paper from patent application or patent file (37 CFR 1.59) | 508 To defer issuance of patent (37 CFR 1.314) |
| 307 Withdrawal of Attorney (37 CFR 1.36) | 515 To invoke supervisory authority - re Office of Admin. (37 CFR 1.181) |
| 308 For access to application except re proceedings before Board (37 CFR 1.14, MPEP 103.104) | 516 To waive/suspend rules re patent mailers in Office of Admin. (37 CFR 1.183) |
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| 310 Relating to reexamination (37 CFR 1.181-1.183) | 521 To review refusal to accept & record maintenance fee - application filed on or after 8/27/82 (37 CFR 1.377) |
| 311 For correction of inventorship for applications - no filing date (37 CFR 1.48) | 523 To issue patent in the name of the Assignee (37 CFR 1.334(c)) |
| 312 For correction of inventorship re PCT applications (37 CFR 1.48) | 525 To withdraw a holding of abandonment (37 CFR 1.181) |
| 313 For filing application without one or more inventors (37 CFR 1.47) | 526 To order a Commissioner-initiated Reexamination proceeding (37 CFR 1.520) |
| 314 For filing PCT application without one or more inventors (37 CFR 1.47) | 527 To convert Provisional Application |
| 315 For extension of time without fee in cases in Application Division (37 CFR 1.136(b)) | 528 To reinstate abandoned Provisional Application |
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| 411 Filing date for application filed by Express Mail (37 CFR 1.10) | 532 To accept unavoidably delayed payment of maintenance fee (37 CFR 1.378 (b)) |
| 412 Filing date for lost application | 533 To accept unintentionally delayed payment of maintenance fee (37 CFR 1.378 (c)) |
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| 502 To revive an abandoned application - unintentional abandonment (37 CFR 1.137(b)) | 599 For matters before the Deputy A/C for Patents - not specified |

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| 601 To make application special on ground of age or health (37 CFR 1.102, MPEP 708.02) | 618 For concurrent Ex parte and Inter parte proceedings (37 CFR 1.212) |
| 602 To make special - continuity of earlier application (37 CFR 1.102, MPEP 708.02) | 619 For return of original oath of patent application (MPEP 604.04(a)) |
| 603 To make special - environment quality program (37 CFR 1.102, MPEP 708.02) | 620 For extension of time (37 CFR 1.136(b)) |
| 604 To make special - accelerated examination (37 CFR 1.102, MPEP 708.02) | 621 For interview after Notice of Allowance mailed (MPEP 713.10) |
| 605 To make special - Energy Program (37 CFR 1.102, MPEP 708.02) | 622 Concerning appeal application before transfer of jurisdiction to Board (MPEP 1206) |
| 606 To make special - Recombinant DNA (37 CFR 1.102, MPEP 708.02) | 623 For second or subsequent suspension of action (37 CFR 1.103, MPEP 709) |
| 607 To make special for reasons not provided for in codes 601-606 (37 CFR 1.102, MPEP 708.02) | 625 To reinstate Appeals dismissed in Group |
| 608 To reopen prosecution after Board decision (37 CFR 1.198) | 626 From denial of reexamination request (37 CFR 515(c)) |
| 609 For review of final restriction requirement (37 CFR 1.144) | 627 To enter an amendment after payment of Issue Fee (37 CFR 1.312(b)) |
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| 611 Relating to the prematurity of final rejection (37 CFR 1.181, MPEP 706.07(c)) | 629 For withdrawal of attorney from application pending in group (37 CFR 1.36) |
| 612 Relating to the refusal to enter an amendment (37 CFR 1.181 & 1.127, MPEP 714.19) | 630 For extension of time in a reexamination (37 CFR 1.550(c)) |
| 613 To withdraw a holding of abandonment (37 CFR 1.137, MPEP 711.03) | 631 To merge multiple reexamination proceedings (37 CFR 1.565(c), MPEP 2283) |
| 614 Relating to a requirement to cancel new matter from application (37 CFR 1.181, MPEP 608.04(c)) | 632 To effect a second conversion of inventorship (37 CFR 1.48, MPEP 201.03) |
| 615 Relating to formal sufficiency/propriety of affidavits (37 CFR 1.131, 1.132, 1.608, MPEP 715.07) | 633 Superconductivity |
| 616 To institute an interference (37 CFR 1.506) | 634 To correct inventorship in a patent not in interference (37 CFR 1.324, MPEP 1481) |
| 617 Relating to refusal to enter an amendment under 37 CFR 1.312 | 635 To change inventorship in an application (37 CFR 1.48) |
| | 636 To change inventorship in a patent (37 CFR 1.48) |
| | 637 To withdraw from issue before payment of an issue fee (37 CFR 1.313(a)) |
| | 699 For matters before Group Director - not specified |

☐ PETITIONS DECIDED BY BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

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| 701 To exercise supervisory authority re action by examiner/examiner-in-chief (37 CFR 1.644) | 711 To assign particular members to hearing or to request augmented panel (35 USC 7) |
| 702 To accept belatedly filed copies of interference settlement agreements (35 USC 135(c), 37 CFR 1.666(c)) | 712 To decide miscellaneous questions in proceedings under 37 CFR 1.601-1.688 |
| 703 For withdrawal of attorney in proceeding under 37 CFR 1.201 - 1.288 (37 CFR 1.36) | 713 To accept priority papers in applications in interference (37 CFR 1.644) |
| 704 For access to a settlement agreement under 35 USC 135(c) (37 CFR 1.666(b)) | 714 To reinstate an Appeal |
| 705 For access to an application in proceedings before the Board (37 CFR 1.14(e)) | 799 For matters before Chairman of Board - not specified |
| 706 From a refusal to issue a Certificate of Correction (37 CFR 1.322, 1.323) | 801 To make an application before the Board special (37 CFR 1.102) |
| 707 To correct errors in inventorship (37 CFR 1.324) | 802 To reinstate an Appeal |
| 708 For extension of time to file amendment under 37 CFR 1.196(b) (37 CFR 1.136) | 803 To extend time/suspend proceedings (37 CFR 1.196, 1.197, 1.304) |
| 709 To make an application before the Board special (37 CFR 1.102) | 804 For extension of time to file supplemental Reply Brief (37 CFR 1.136) |
| 710 For extension of time to file supplemental Reply Brief (37 CFR 1.136) | 805 To accept late request for an Oral Hearing (37 CFR 1.136) |
| | 899 For matters before the Clerk of the Board - not specified |

☐ PETITIONS DECIDED BY SPECIAL LAWS (SECURITY AND GOVERNMENT INTEREST MATTERS)

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| 902 Under 42 USC 2457 | 905 To consider/review security or Government interest matters - not specified |
| 903 Under 35 USC 184 | |

☐ PETITIONS DECIDED BY THE SOLICITOR

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| 951 Petitions for extension of time in court matters 35 USC 142, 145, 146 | 953 Requests filed under the Freedom of Information Act |
| 952 Petitions relating to ex parte questions in cases before the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit | 959 Not specified |

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